

Billie Melton Is Named 'Homemaker of Tomorrow'

Miss Billie Melton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Melton, 1645 Date Ave., has been chosen the Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow of Torrance High School.

Betty, a senior at the local high school, is a student of Miss Jo Kaye Meeks. She received the highest score in a written examination on homemaking knowledge and attitudes administered Dec. 4 to senior girls in the graduating class. Her examination paper will be entered in competition to name this state's candidate for the title of All-American Homemaker of Tomorrow and will also be considered for the runnerup award in the state. For her achievement, she will receive an award pin designed by Trifari of New York.

The national winner in the third annual search conducted among 300,526 young women in 11,636 of the nation's public, private and parochial high schools will be named May 2 at the American Table banquet in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York City.

General Mills is sponsor of the program designed to assist schools in education for home and family living and to emphasize through a sound scholarship award program the personal qualities and sense of values necessary to successful homemaking. A total of \$106,000 in scholarships will be awarded.

Each state Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow will receive a \$1500 scholarship and an educational trip with her school advisor to Washington, D. C., colonial Williamsburg, Va., and New York City. A \$500 scholarship will be awarded.

ed the runnerup girls in each state. The school of the state winner will receive a set of the Encyclopedia Britannica. The scholarship of the young woman named All-American Homemaker of Tomorrow will be increased to \$5000. This year for the first time girls who rank second, third and fourth in the national finals will receive \$4000, \$3000 and \$2000 scholarships, respectively.

Lioness Club Meets At Burke Home

A combined business and social meeting was held by the Torrance Lions club last Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Henry Burke, 1629 Crenshaw. Miss Frances Dimitri was the co-hostess.

Mrs. Fred Boren conducted the business session in the absence of Mrs. Abe Robinson. In the games played the first prize went to Mrs. Giles Stader and second to Mrs. James Kreuger. The door prize was won by Mrs. A. K. Peterson.

The hostesses then served refreshments to the 24 members present.

The next meeting will be a business session at the home of Mrs. A. F. R. Ewalt on Feb. 5.



MISS BILLIE MELTON Wins Betty Crocker Contest

Mothers' Club Plans Year

January meeting of the Job's Daughters Mothers Club, Bethel 50, was held last week at the Willys Blount home on El Prado.

After the reading of the inspirational message by Mrs. Charles Hornbeck, Mrs. W. O. Hoy, president of the group, conducted the business meeting. Progress of present projects were reported by various committee chairwomen and future activities were discussed by all members. A full schedule was set up and organized for the coming year, including both social events for the Job's Daughters and ways and means projects for the Mothers Club.

Mrs. Paul Smith assisted Mrs. Willys Blount as hostess and refreshments were served during the social hour following the close of the business meeting.

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World Trip Described By Mrs. H. Miller

Alpha-Delta Pi south bay alumnae heard the story of a globe-circling flight by a Hollywood Riviera resident when the group held its first meeting of the year Wednesday, Jan. 16.

Speaker was Mrs. Harold P. Miller, who visited Australia, New Zealand, India, Thailand, Ceylon, Greece, Italy, Spain, and the Azores recently.

Meeting was held at the home of Mrs. E. W. Sproule, 1415 S. Patton Ave. San Pedro, at 8 p.m. All Alpha Delta Pi alumnae in the south bay area were invited to attend by Mrs. R. L. Wattenbarger, vice president, Rolling Hills.

The group presented a check for \$50 to its recently chosen philanthropy, Crippled Children's Guild of Orthopedic Hospital, at the annual volunteer tea at the hospital on Nov. 14. Money was raised by sale of Christmas cards and a benefit tea at La Venta Inn, Palos Verdes Estates.

Members discussed plans for making Valentine tray favors for the children of the hospital. More than 150 miniature styrofoam Christmas trees and snowmen for holiday tray favors were made and decorated at the December meeting. Also, members of the USC chapter sang carols at the hospital during the Christmas season.

'Islands' Is Subject At WSCS Meet

"Islands in my Community" was the theme of the regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church on Thursday, Mrs. Grover Van Deventer was the keynote speaker of the afternoon session and Mr. Schermhorn of the Plaza Community Center of Los Angeles was the guest speaker.

Mrs. Roy Geste, program chairman, introduced the speakers and the participants in a spot drama "Three Islands," which was narrated by Mrs. Lois Balsey, who also presided at the piano. A solo "No Man is an Island" was given by Rev. Don Shelby.

The morning business session under the gavel of Mrs. Olson, president, was preceded by a meditation period led by Mrs. John Taylor. Luncheon was served at noon at tables decorated with chrysanthemum Hostesses were members of Martha Circle under the chairmanship of Mrs. Pearl Greer.

VISIT FRIENDS IN APPLE VALLEY

Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Fay and their children of 5405 Linda Drive have returned from a visit with Lt. and Mrs. John R. Niemela at Apple Valley. Mrs. Niemela is a former resident of Torrance and godmother of the Fays' youngest daughter, Katie, for whom the child is named. Mrs. Fay was also matron of honor at the Niemela wedding.

While in Apple Valley they were entertained at the Apple Valley Inn and at the homes of several friends. They attended the cocktail party and Military Ball at the Officers' Club at the George Air Force Base at Victorville on New Year's Eve. On their way home, they stopped at Pasadena to see the Rose Bowl floats still on display.

Of interest to their friends was the news that Lt. Niemela was selected as one of the pilots to fly one of the jet planes in the recent Bendix Air Race.



ANOTHER MILESTONE... in providing schools for Torrance youths was climaxed with a dedication at the 223rd school on Jan. 8. Shown here are dignitaries of the school board who participated. They are, from left, Mrs. Edith Stafford, president of the board of education; Ernst Billerbeck, director of construction; and Mrs. Grace M. Dreier, assistant superintendent of the South Elementary School District. Mrs. David Goolsby, PTA president, conducted the ceremony.

LOCAL PTA ACTIVITIES

223rd Street Carl Steele

Many notables from the board of education were present for the dedication of the 223rd Street Elementary school on Tuesday, Jan. 8. The opening presentation was made by Mrs. David Goolsby, president of the 223rd PTA.

Greetings from the Board of Education were extended by Mrs. Ruth C. Cole, chairman of the building committee. The architecture of the new building was described by Ernst R. C. Hillerbeck, director of construction, and Douglas W. Burton of the architect firm.

Community acceptance of the school was presented by Mrs. Edith K. Stafford, president of the Los Angeles Board of Education.

Mrs. Grace M. Dreier, assistant superintendent of the South Elementary district, gave the dedication speech. The Mothersingers gave the inspirational and closed the meeting with two songs. Refreshments were served by the school faculty.

High School

Honorary life membership committee of the Torrance High School PTA met Thursday, Jan. 17, at the home of Mrs. J. E. Popovich, chairman. The purpose of this committee is to select persons to receive the award who have contributed to betterment of the youth of the community.

Others on the committee are Mmes. J. R. Patrick, Leroy Pulliam, Paul Shinoda, and J. L. Hinds.

The committee to nominate new officers for the coming year for the Torrance High PTA met at the home of Mrs. O. O. Clayton last Friday. Attending were Carl Ahee, principal, and Mrs. D. K. Crockett, past president will ride.

Evelyn Carr

Red, white and blue—their country's colors—have been chosen by the students of the Evelyn Carr School for their float in the All America parade next Saturday. Mrs. Ronald Stamm, president of the Evelyn Carr PTA, and her co-chairmen, Mrs. Seth Worden and Mrs. Jess Clewett, have been working at the school teaching the children how to make crepe paper flowers. Each child will make one flower for the school float.

FERN-GREENWOOD

The evaluating system used in the Torrance Unified School District helps the child work to capacity, Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of the district, told members of the Fern-Greenwood PTA this week.

"Grades are for the parents—not the children," he said. He explained that a grade of "F" labels the child as a failure and often discourages the child to the point that he quits trying. Conferences with parents help the teacher know the child, and many times gives the parents a new insight into their children's behavior, he said.

Questions from the floor were answered by Dr. Hull following his address.

The first meeting of the discussion group which will meet with school officials has been scheduled for 10 a.m., Feb. 4, in the school cafeteria. The group will discuss any problems that arise that parents wish to discuss with school personnel. Plans for future meetings will be on the Feb. 4 agenda.

Approval of purchase of two life membership pins was approved at the meeting, and a report of the welfare committee was received.

Principal Joe Brandon, Mrs. P. T. Underwood, Mrs. J. S. Gable, Mrs. G. W. Ackerman, and Mrs. Jack Bynum were selected to serve as nominating committee to prepare a slate of officers for the coming year, according to the president, Mrs. D. D. Tuggle. She also announced that the PTA would be in the Jan. 26 parade.

Gateway

Gateway Council PTA members celebrated their traditional "Christmas in January" when they meet at "Norma's Nest" (home of Mrs. Peter A. Brutti, Dana Jr. High president) 1712 Santa Cruz St., San Pedro, on Monday morning, Jan. 7. An exchange of gifts highlighted the meeting.

Featured speaker was Mrs. Sophia T. Salvin, Family Life Education and Social Hygiene chairman of Los Angeles Tenth District, whose topic was "Guidposts for a Healthy New Year."

Warm outer garments and torn white sheets were collected for the Harlan Shoemaker School as the "project-of-the-month."

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